

**JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY'S *FIRST COAST NUTCRACKER*
BEGINS AUDITIONS AUGUST 23**

Jacksonville, FL (August 7, 2019) --- Auditions for the Jacksonville Symphony's annual *First Coast Nutcracker*, presented by VyStar Credit Union, will be held **Friday, August 23 and Saturday, August 24**. Auditions will take place at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts located on 2445 San Diego Road. Dancers are to report to the Dance Building 30 minutes prior to the date and time of assigned age group.

Audition times on **Friday, August 23** will be at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for Advanced Dancers (male and female ages 15 and older) and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Intermediate dancers (male and female ages 11-14). Advanced Dancers must have at least five years of classical ballet training and females must have strong pointe work.

Audition times on **Saturday, August 24** will be for dancers age 11 and older (females not on pointe and males) at 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and for dancers age 9 to 10 (males and females) from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration will be in the lobby of the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Dance Building **30 minutes prior** to the date and time assigned to each age group. Participants must also fill out the 2019 Audition Registration form. This can be completed the day of the audition or found at jaxsymphony.org/nutcracker. There is a \$20 audition fee.

Performance dates are December 13, 14 and 15 and will be in addition to school performances on December 12 and 13. There is a costume fee of \$85 plus \$20 for any additional parts played.

Please direct all inquiries to the Nutcracker office at 904.358.3716 or email nutcracker@jaxsymphony.org.

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